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SUBJECT: UNESCO: ISRAELI VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION JANUARY 19 WITH SHLOMO AVINERI,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA, HE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF
THE PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATION AND SPOKE MORE SHARPLY THAN
BAR-YAACOV HAD EARLIER (SEE REFTEL B).

2. AVINERI SAID HE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE CERTIFICATION.
UNESCO HAS NOT OVERCOME ITS RECENT TREND TOWARD ACTIONS OF
A POLITICAL NATURE; OF FOUR ISSUES WHICH WERE IMPORTANT TO
ISRAEL AT THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE, ONLY ONE WAS SUCCESSFULLY
SETTLED. HE IS AWARE, HE SAID, OF OUR HOPE THAT RESTORATION
OF U.S. FUNDING WILL ENCOURAGE M'BOW TOWARD MODERATION AND
WILL HELP UNESCO DEVELOP INTO AN ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE
WEST CAN PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS. M'BOW
IS NOT A FRIEND OF THE WEST AND IT IS WRONG TO THINK HE
WILL HELP RESTORE THE WESTERN ROLE IN UNESCO.

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3. WHILE IT WOULD BE "PRESUMPTUOUS" TO OFFER ADVICE ON
WHAT MUST BE A U.S. DECISION, AVINERI SAID IF ONLY HALF
THE ARREARAGE WERE TO BE PAID, THIS WOULD LET M'BOW
KNOW THAT THE U.S. IS STILL NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED.
HE ADDED THAT HE FELT THAT MANY U.S. CONGRESSMEN SHARED
THIS VIEW.

4. COMMENT:THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AVINERI
HEADED THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO NAIROBI LAST NOVEMBER
AND GAVE THE MAJOR STATEMENT TO THE CONFERENCE OF ISRAELI
VIEWS. HE IS INTERESTED IN AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OF UNESCO
AFFAIRS AND PERSONALLY PLAYS A MAJOR PART IN THE MINISTRY'S
POLICY DECISION IN THIS AREA. (THIS WILL INCREASE WITH THE
DEPARTURE OF MORDECAI KIDRON FOR STOCKHOLM AND THE
RETIREMENT OF NATHAN BAR-YAACOV.) HIS REMARK REGARDING
CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THE ISRAELIS
HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT ON THE HILL.
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